

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-14. (canceled)

15. (currently amended) Protective clothing against biological agents and exhibiting very high level of protection against the penetration of liquids and microorganisms, mechanical resistance properties as well as outstanding softness, drapeability and comfort, ~~characterized in that the material is manufactured by the~~ comprising:

a laminate lamination of an inner layer of non-woven polypropylene with an outer layer of polyethylene film, ~~[[the]]~~ a unit weight ratio between polypropylene and polyethylene ranging from 70:30 to 50:50.

16. (currently amended) Protective clothing as claimed in claim 15, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said ratio in unit weight between polypropylene and polyethylene ranges from 65:35 to 55:45.

17. (currently amended) Protective clothing as claimed in claim 15, ~~characterized in that the~~ wherein a thickness of the

~~material~~ laminate ranges between 270 and 340 microns and the unit weight ranges between 55 and 75 g/m².

18. (currently amended) Protective clothing as claimed in claim 15, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the inner layer of nonwoven polypropylene has a thickness ranging between 240 and 270 microns and unit weight ranging between 35 and 45 g/m² and the outer polyethylene film has a thickness ranging between 30 and 70 microns and unit weight ranging between 20 and 30 g/m².

19. (currently amended) Protective clothing as claimed in claim 15, ~~characterized in that the~~ wherein a thickness of the ~~material~~ laminate ranges between 285 and 315 microns and ~~[[the]]~~ a unit weight ranges between 60.0 and 67.5 g/m².

20. (currently amended) Protective clothing as claimed in claim 15, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the inner layer of nonwoven polypropylene has a thickness ranging between 245 and 255 microns and unit weight ranging between 37.5 and 40.0 g/m² and the outer polyethylene film has a thickness ranging between 40 and 60 microns and unit weight ranging between 22.5 and 27.5 g/m².

21. (currently amended) Protective clothing as claimed in claim 15, wherein ~~the joins~~ joining parts are made by heat welding.

22-25. (canceled)

26. (new) Protective clothing as claimed in claim 15, wherein the inner layer provides a barrier against liquids and microorganisms, is physiologically safe, and is breathable.

27. (new) Protective clothing as claimed in claim 15, wherein the outer layer is microporous with a pore size low enough to prevent passage of liquids and microorganisms which allowing moisture to pass on a molecular level.

28. (new) A protective garment, comprising:

a laminate of an inner layer of non-woven polypropylene with an outer layer of polyethylene film, a unit weight ratio between polypropylene and polyethylene ranging from 70:30 to 50:50,

wherein the inner layer provides a barrier against liquids and microorganisms, is physiologically safe, and is breathable, and the outer layer is microporous with a pore size low enough to prevent passage of liquids and microorganisms which allowing moisture to pass on a molecular level.

29. (new) The protective garment as claimed in claim 28, wherein the protective garment is a gown, jacket or trousers.

30. (new) The protective garment as claimed in claim 28, wherein the protective garment is protective clothing against biological agents and exhibits a very high level of protection against the penetration of liquids and microorganisms, mechanical resistance properties as well as outstanding softness, drapeability and comfort.

31. (currently amended) The protective garment as claimed in claim 28, wherein said ratio in unit weight between polypropylene and polyethylene ranges from 65:35 to 55:45.

32. (new) The protective garment as claimed in claim 28, wherein a thickness of the laminate ranges between 270 and 340 microns and a unit weight ranges between 55 and 75 g/m².

33. (new) The protective garment as claimed in claim 28, wherein the inner layer of nonwoven polypropylene has a thickness ranging between 240 and 270 microns and unit weight ranging between 35 and 45 g/m² and the outer polyethylene film has a thickness ranging between 30 and 70 microns and unit weight ranging between 20 and 30 g/m².

34. (new) The protective garment as claimed in claim 28, wherein a thickness of the laminate ranges between 285 and 315 microns and a unit weight ranges between 60.0 and 67.5 g/m².

35. (new) The protective garment as claimed in claim 28, wherein the inner layer of nonwoven polypropylene has a thickness ranging between 245 and 255 microns and unit weight ranging between 37.5 and 40.0 g/m² and the outer polyethylene film has a thickness ranging between 40 and 60 microns and unit weight ranging between 22.5 and 27.5 g/m².

36. (new) The protective garment as claimed in claim 28, wherein joining parts are made by heat welding.